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Vice Admiral Thad Allen  
United States Coast Guard  
2100 2<sup>nd</sup> Street, SW  
Washington, DC 20593

Dear Admiral Allen,

Consistent with our request earlier this morning and due to Hurricane Rita's potential impact on Southwest Louisiana, I am confirming the request that the federal government be prepared to immediately provide 15,000 Federal forces with command and control. The purpose is to assist the State of Louisiana with Emergency Evacuation, Search and Rescue (SAR) (boats, high-water vehicles, and helicopters), Security, Logistics, Medical, Communications, and Transportation Operations.

In addition, the request included federal preparation to provide temporary housing (tents city) with life support for up to 100,000 displaced citizens (20,000 sheltered in state, 80,000 sheltered out of state). Pre-position bus transportation with 150 buses in SE Louisiana AOR and 300 buses in SW Louisiana AOR.

Once again, I want to express my appreciation to you both personally and on behalf of the people of Louisiana. It is clear to me that you stand ready to do all in your power to help us during this hour of need. Please contact me or Colonel Jeff Smith, State Coordinating Officer, with your response as soon as possible.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Kathleen Babineaux Blanco".

Kathleen Babineaux Blanco  
Governor  
State of Louisiana